1. (Unchanged) A computerized method comprising:

accessing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of channels from a plurality of different sources; and

selecting one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.

2. (Unchanged) The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a source corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels.

3. (Unchanged) The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:

accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is independent of the user-definable preferences list; and

sending a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.

4. (Unchanged) The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a user request to provide a new channel; and

wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user request.

5. (Unchanged) The computerized method of claim 4, further comprising:

repeating the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to provide a new channel.

6. (Unchanged) An article comprising:

a storage medium; and

the storage medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when executed by a processor, result in accessing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of identified channels from a plurality of different sources, and

selecting one of the plurality of channels for provision to a user.

7. (Unchanged) The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the processor, further result in providing, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a source corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels.

8. (Unchanged) The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the processor, further result in accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is independent of the user-definable preferences list, and sending a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.

9. (Unchanged) The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the processor, further result in receiving a user request to provide a new channel, wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user request.

10. (Unchanged) The article of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the processor, further result in repeating the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to provide a new channel.

11. (Unchanged) An apparatus comprising:

a storage device to store a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of channels from a plurality of different sources; and

a channel selection controller, coupled to the storage device, to access the user-definable preferences list and select one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.

12. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:

a component controller coupled to the channel selection controller;

wherein the channel selection control is to send the selected one of the plurality of identified channels to the component controller, and

wherein the component controller is to tune a corresponding component to provide, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a source corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels.

13. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the channel selection controller is further to:

access, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of channels,

a programming guide database that is independent of the user

definable preferences list; and

send a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.

14. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the channel selection controller is further to:

receive a user request to provide a new channel; and

wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user request.

15. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the channel selection controller is further to repeat the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to provide a new channel.

16. (Unchanged) An apparatus comprising:

means for storing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of channels from a plurality of different sources; and

means, coupled to the storage device, for accessing the user-definable preferences list and selecting one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.

17. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising:

means, coupled to the means for accessing and selecting, for controlling components in an entertainment system; and

wherein the means for accessing and selecting is for sending the selected one of the plurality of identified channels to the means for controlling, and wherein the means for controlling is for tuning a corresponding component of the entertainment system to provide, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a source corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels.

18. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for accessing and selecting includes:

means for accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is independent of the user-definable preferences list; and

means for send a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.

19. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for accessing and selecting includes:

means for receiving a user request to provide a new channel; and

wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user request.

20. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the means for accessing and selecting includes means for repeating the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to provide a new channel.

21. (New) A preferences list for an entertainment system comprising:

a channel identifier for each preference to identify each channel; and

a source identifier for each preference to identify a source of the preference.

22. (New) The list of claim 21, wherein the source identifier, identifies a component of the entertainment system to be used to access the source.

23. (New) The list of claim 21, further comprising a list descriptor to distinguish the list from other preferences lists.

24. (New) The list of claim 23, wherein the list descriptor includes a user identification

25. (New) The list of claim 23, wherein the list descriptor includes a category identification.

26. (New) The list of claim 21, wherein the channel identifier is linked to an electronic programming guide containing further information regarding the channel.

27. (New) The list of claim 26, wherein the further information regarding the channel includes a tuning component to be used to access a source of the respective channel.

28 (New) A method for selecting a channel of an entertainment system comprising:

accessing an identified preferences list of channels;

identifying a current channel being provided to a user by the entertainment system;

determining if the current channel is in the preferences list;

in response to a user request to change channels, if the current channel is determined to be in the preferences list, then providing the channel subsequent to the current channel in the preferences list to the user.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein in response to a user request to change channels, if the current channel is determined to not be in the preferences list, then providing a channel in the preferences list to the user.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the channel in the preferences list is the first channel in the preferences list.

31. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the channel in the preferences list is the first channel in the preferences list that has a channel identifier greater than the current channel.

32. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein accessing an identified preferences list of channels comprises receiving a user identification from a user,

presenting a plurality of preferences lists for the identified user, and receiving a selection of one of the presented preferences lists from the user.